

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Petition for Waiver of	)	
FCC Form 474 Filing Deadline Extension missed	)	
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Britton-Deerfield School District	)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(Britton-Deerfield School District, BEN 131430)	)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service	)	
Support Mechanism	)	

**Petition for Waiver of  
FCC Form 474 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2016  
RE: FCC Form 474, #2906112 and #2906147**

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**I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY**

The Britton-Deerfield School District serves low income kindergarten through Grade 12 children in Michigan. Since 1998, Britton-Deerfield School District has been a Category 1 successful participant of the E-Rate program and this is only the second time they have filed for Category 2 funding. We, the vendor for the Category 2 funding, Commspec, Inc. SPIN #14304900 provided the Category 2 equipment to Britton-Deerfield School District this past year.

We, the vendor, Commspec, Inc., submitted and certified two Funding Year 2016 FCC Form 474, #2904150 and #2904151, in the “Apply Online” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on 1/23/19, just 3 days before the FCC Form 474 extended filing deadline of 01/28/2019.

We received an email notification of non-payment on Friday, January 25, 2019, but unfortunately, we didn’t see it until Jan. 29, 2019 due to the Michigan snow storm that kept us

all safely at home. The Governor of Michigan declared a state of emergency due to the severity of the weather. We got to the office on Tues., Jan. 29, 2019 and found the email notification waiting for us. It said it was denied because the vendor wasn't certified. We, the vendor, hadn't filed a 473 form. We are new to the program and didn't understand that we needed to file these forms yearly. We had filed a 2018 493 form and thought that was all that was required. We then immediately pursued it to find out we needed one for each year so we also filed those forms online right away. We then filed the 494 forms again (#2906112 and #2906147) on Jan. 29, 2019 even though they were one day late of the extended deadline since it couldn't be avoided due to the severe weather. We received another email notification of non-payment dated 2/4/2019 and this time it cited the "Later than FCC Extension Date of 01/28/2019". We must now request a waiver of the extension date due to the severe weather in Michigan.

## **II. Request**

Commspec, Inc. respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2016 FCC Form 474 filing deadline of 1/28/2019 on behalf of the Britton-Deerfield School District to allow the reimbursement payment of their E-Rate Funding Year 2016 FCC Form 474 #2906112 and #2906147, due to the severe weather in Michigan the last week of January 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

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